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## **Limited Visual Dam Safety Inspections**

**OA00025**

**Ku Tree Reservoir**

**Oahu, Hawaii**

**Prepared by:**

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
HONOLULU DISTRICT**

**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**May 2006**

Dam ID: OA-025

Name: Ku Tree Reservoir

Limited Visual Dam Safety Inspection Conducted on: 03 April 2006

**I. Purpose:**

Due to disaster occurrences of periodic heavy rains and flooding, which has caused extensive damage to property and loss of lives, the Governor has issued a State of Emergency Proclamation extending from February 20, 2006 to April 9, 2006. In light of the tragic failure of the Kaloko dam on Kauai and the continued forecast of heavy rains, emergency inspections of all regulated dams in all counties are being undertaken.

These inspections are for the purpose of determining if any of the regulated dams and reservoirs in the City and County of Honolulu, Maui County or Hawaii County, are suspect for immediate concern to the downstream area under the prolonged conditions of heavy rain showers.

**II. Authority**

Inspections were authorized under the Hawaii Dam Safety Act of 1987, Chapter 179D "Dams and Reservoirs" of Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Title 13, Subtitle 7, Chapter 190, "Dams and Reservoirs" of the Hawaii Administrative Rules.

These inspections were conducted under joint agreements of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the State of Hawaii. The Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is entered into pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 3036(d)(2), and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (31 U.S.C. §6505), and established via support agreement number DL-06-01.

**III. Scope**

Visual inspection was performed on parts of the embankment and appurtenant works readily available and visible for inspection by the inspection team at the time of the inspection. Such parts and appurtenant works included the upstream slope, crest, downstream slope, abutments and toes, outlet works, and spillway.

On the date of this limited visual inspection, there may or may not have appeared to be any immediate threat to the safety of the dam, however no assurance can be made regarding the dam's condition after this date. Subsequent adverse weather and other factors may affect the dam's condition.

**IV. Limitations of Findings and Recommendations**

The inspection is based only on visible features/areas of the dam on the day of inspection. The inspection does not entail detailed stability, hydrologic, hydraulic, or seismic investigations. This inspection is not a formal phase I or phase II dam safety inspection and does not include a review or evaluation from each specialist of an inspection team, such as a geologists, civil, geotechnical, structural, or hydraulics engineer. The owner should verify the findings of this report and take corrective actions. The owner may submit to the State alternative corrective actions that are certified by a licensed professional engineer in the State of Hawaii experienced in the design and construction of dams. This inspection does not relieve the owner/operator from their responsibility to conduct routine inspections, maintenance, repairs, modifications, monitoring, documentation, and/or investigative studies.

**V. Inspection Team**

Organization

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
 State of Hawaii, Dept. of Land and Natural Resources  
 National Resource Conservation Service

Name

Mr. Troy Cosgrove  
 Mr. Hiram Young  
 Doug Toews

**VI. Owner's Representatives Present**

Mr. Victor Lee, DOD Army DPW Schofield Barracks  
 Mr. Steve Price, DOD Army DPW Schofield Barracks

**VII. Summary Report Team**

Organization

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
  
 State of Hawaii, Dept. of Land and Natural Resources

Name

Mr. Derek Chow  
 Mr. Joseph Koester  
 Ms. Denise Manuel  
 Mr. Edwin Matsuda

**VIII. Dam Type**

The dam is an earthen embankment.

**IX. Dam Classification**

The current hazard classification of this dam is: High

Based on available data, this classification is believed to still be applicable.

Hazard Potential Classification based on the following:

Category	Loss of Life	Economic Loss
Low	None Expected	Minimal (undeveloped to occasional structures or agriculture)
Significant	Few (No Urban development and no more than a small number of inhabitable structures)	Appreciable (Notable agriculture, industry or structures)
High	More than a few	Extensive community, industry or agriculture.

Based on inventoried storage / height data, the size classification of the dam is: Intermediate

Size Classification based on the following:

Category	Storage (Acre-Feet)	Height (feet)
Small	< 1000	< 40
Intermediate	> 1000 and < 50,000	> 40 and < 100
Large	> 50,000	> 100

**X. Summary of Inspection:**

Condition Rating Criteria: The conditional terms in this report are used to generally describe the conditions below. Inspections, monitoring, and additional investigations are considered to be incidental to all condition ratings.

Satisfactory	Expected to fulfill intended function.
Fair	Expected to fulfill intended function, but maintenance is recommended.
Poor	May not fulfill intended function; maintenance or repairs are necessary.
Unsatisfactory	Is not expected to fulfill intended function; repair, replacement, or modification is necessary.
Unknown	Not visible, not accessible, not inspected, or unable to determine the condition rating based on the observation taken.

**A. General appearance:**

The reservoir and dam features were not easily recognizable due to the over growth of vegetation.

Modifications / Improvements: There were no signs of any recent modifications.

Based on topography, offsite drainage expected. The reservoir appeared to have a significant drainage area.

Based on staff personnel, this reservoir has no incident history.

**Findings and Corrective Actions:**

- a. The Owner shall maintain documentations including Construction plans, specifications, improvements, modifications, Operations and Maintenance Manuals and routine inspection logs for this dam facility.
- b. An EAP is required for High Hazard Dams. Submit an updated EAP for this facility.
- c. Routine inspection logs were not inspected.
- d. Dam owners shall provide for routine inspection of the dam.
- e. The dam did not appear to be maintained on a regular basis.
- f. There is no vehicular access to the dam site. Operational and emergency plans need to reflect this deficiency or access provided.
- g. Access to dam is questionable during severe weather conditions and/or spillway overflows. Operational plans and emergency plans need to reflect this deficiency or access provided.
- h. Submit Site or Facility Map of this Dam which identifies the location of major features including outlet works controls and conduits.
- i. This dam is no longer in use and is not maintained. The dam could be a potential hazard if large amounts of water are impounded.

- j. Emergency Alarms / Monitors: There were no alarms or monitors observed on this reservoir.
- k. Power / Communication: There were no communication systems observed on this reservoir. There were no utility or power poles visible nearby.

**B. Access / Security:**

Access to the dam area was accomplished via a private roadway.

Access requires a 4 wheel drive vehicle and hiking.

Access to dam is questionable during severe weather conditions. Operational plans need to reflect this deficiency or access improved.

Access to the dam is via locked gates.

**C. Inflow Works:**

This dam is fed by surface water and no intakes were noted.

**D. Reservoir**

The reservoir level during the inspection was unknown. A staff gage was not observed. Typically the reservoir is kept open and is normally empty or low

Findings and Corrective Actions:

- a. The reservoir was not inspected.
- b. A staff gage was not observed at the reservoir. Provide some method of quantifying the water level within the reservoir.

**E. Upstream Slope (Poor)**

The upstream slope was roughly 1V to 1H (Vertical/Horizontal)

There was no slope protection observed.

Erosions were not observed, the slope was not entirely visible.

Cracks were not observed, the slope was not entirely visible.

Sinkholes were not observed, the slope was not entirely visible.

The upstream slope was not entirely visible due to heavy woody and grass vegetation.

Findings and Corrective Actions:

- a. The upstream slope was not inspected.
- b. The upstream slope appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.
- c. The upstream slope was not visible due to high grass and bush vegetation. Clear high vegetation and maintain low to enable easy visual inspection.
- d. Tree(s) were observed on the dam embankment. Trees have been identified as the probably cause of piping failures, and can possibly cause sever damage to the embankment if they are uprooted during a high winds. Corrective action is required to remove the tree hazards from the dam. Acceptable remedies include removal of the tree and its root structure down to a 2" diameter and reconstructing the damaged embankment section. All repair work shall be

accomplished as per the requirements of licensed geotechnical or structural engineer. Routinely monitor the damaged area for signs of settlement and seepage.

**F. Crest: (Poor)**

The dam crest was approximately 15 feet wide

There was a walking path on top of the crest.

There was high vegetation on the crest.

Erosion was not observed, however the crest was not entirely visible.

Cracks were not observed, however the crest was not entirely visible.

Sinkholes were not observed, however the crest was not entirely visible.

Vegetation was observed on the crest. These were primarily woody vegetation and high grass and bushes.

**Findings and Corrective Actions:**

- a. The dam crest was not inspected.
- b. The dam crest appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.
- c. Access along the crest was not possible. Description: Access to near the dam was via dirt roads and then a short hike to the crest.
- d. Portions of the crest were not visible due to high grass and bush vegetation. Clear high vegetation and maintain low to enable easy visual inspection.
- e. Tree(s) were observed along the dam crest. Trees have been identified as the probable cause of piping failures, and can possibly cause severe damage to the embankment if they are uprooted during high winds. Corrective action is required to remove the tree hazards from the dam. Acceptable remedies include removal of the tree and its root structure down to a 2" diameter and reconstructing the damaged embankment section. All repair work shall be accomplished as per the requirements of licensed geotechnical or structural engineer. Routinely monitor the damaged area for signs of settlement and seepage.

**G. Downstream Slope: (Poor)**

The downstream slope was in poor condition and not visible due to heavy vegetation.

The slope was very steep, around a 1 to 1 slope.

There was no access to the downstream slope.

There was no slope protection observed on the downstream slope.

Erosion was not observed on the downstream slope, however the slope was not entirely visible.

Sinkholes were not observed on the downstream slope, however the slope was not entirely visible.

Vegetation was observed on the downstream slope. The majority of the vegetation was woody trees ranging from 6" to >2 feet in diameter.

Seepage was not observed on the downstream toe, however the slope was not entirely visible.

Findings and Corrective Actions:

- a. The downstream slope was not inspected.
- b. The downstream slope appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.
- c. The down stream slope was not visible due to high grass and bush vegetation. Clear high vegetation and maintain low to enable easy visual inspection.
- d. Tree(s) were observed on the downstream slope. Trees have been identified as the probably cause of piping failures, and can possibly cause sever damage to the embankment if they are uprooted during a high winds. Corrective action is required to remove the tree hazards from the dam. Acceptable remedies include removal of the tree and its root structure down to a 2" diameter and reconstructing the damaged embankment section. All repair work shall be accomplished as per the requirements of licensed geotechnical or structural engineer. Routinely monitor the damaged area for signs of settlement and seepage.
- e. The slope was very steep, around a 1 to 1 slope, further study is required to verify slope stability.

**H. Abutments / Toe: (Poor)**

The abutments and toe were not entirely visible or identifiable due to heavy vegetative growth.

There was heavy vegetation along the abutments and toe locations.

Findings and Corrective Actions:

- a. The abutments/toe were not inspected.
- b. The abutments/toe appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.
- c. The abutment/toe area was not visible due to high grass and bush vegetation. Clear high vegetation and maintain low to enable easy visual inspection.
- d. Tree(s) were observed along the abutment/toe. Trees have been identified as the probably cause of piping failures, and can possibly cause sever damage to the embankment if they are uprooted during a high winds. Corrective action is required to remove the tree hazards from the dam. Acceptable remedies include removal of the tree and its root structure down to a 2" diameter and reconstructing the damaged embankment section. All repair work shall be accomplished as per the requirements of licensed geotechnical or structural engineer. Routinely monitor the damaged area for signs of settlement and seepage.

**I. Outlet Works: (Poor)**

Not inspected in detail, not tested.

Water was below the upstream gate works.

The heavy vegetation should be removed and maintained low to enable easy visual inspection.

The outlet works appeared to be a concrete tower with multiple gates (4+), pipe size and material are unknown.

The outlet works was controlled via a tower and gates on the upstream side of the dam.

Findings and Corrective Actions:

- a. The outlet works were not inspected.
- b. The outlet works were not tested.
- c. The outlet works appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.
- d. Were not visible due to high grass and bush vegetation. Clear high vegetation and maintain low to enable easy visual inspection.
- e. Tree(s) were observed on the dam embankment. Trees have been identified as the probably cause of piping failures, and can possibly cause sever damage to the embankment if they are uprooted during a high winds. Corrective action is required to remove the tree hazards from the dam. Acceptable remedies include removal of the tree and its root structure down to a 2" diameter and reconstructing the damaged embankment section. All repair work shall be accomplished as per the requirements of licensed geotechnical or structural engineer. Routinely monitor the damaged area for signs of settlement and seepage.
- f. Woody debris should be cleared from the tower inlets to permit proper operation of the outlet structure.
- g. Currently there is no access to the top of the control tower to operate the gates. This could pose a problem in the future if access is needed.
- h. Access to the downstream side of the dam should be established to inspect the toe and outlet works.

**J. Spillway: (Poor)**

This spillway consisted of a narrowing concrete flume channel near the left abutment.

The rough dimensions were 100 ft at the entrance narrowing to 25 ft and a length of 100 ft.

The spillway channel spills over land and plunges to the left side of the dam.

The spillway approach was cover with trees.

There was no erosion observed near the spillway.

The downstream vegetation appears to be primarily woody vegetation.

There was heavy vegetation all along the downstream slope.

Further investigations should be conducted to conclude the capacity of the spillway.

Findings and Corrective Actions:

- a. The Spillway appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.



- b. Slope protection needs maintenance or repair. Description: Remove trees.
- c. Trees are unacceptable in the spillway channel and approach. Take corrective action to address the woody vegetation problem and repair the damaged area.
- d. Unclear if spillway is adequately sized. Spillway should pass the probable maximum flood. Verify spillway capacity and take corrective action as required.

**K. Down Stream Channel: (Unknown)**

The down stream channel was not investigated.

If the dam were to fail, the resulting flood wave would probably enter a tributary to Kaukonahua River.

Findings and Corrective Actions:

- a. The downstream channel was not inspected.

**XI. Additional Comments:**

Original field inspection notes were scanned and are attached to this summary report. Included are several photos from the site visit to detail important features of the project, captioned to be self-explanatory. This reservoir has been abandoned since 1983. The pool is very low and is allowed to pass. Permanent abandonment of the dam by breaching has been investigated and currently costs are probative. In its current state the dam could pose a potential risk if a large storm were encountered.

Per e-mail dated 5/2/2006 5:16 am from Troy Cosgrove

Please describe vehicle access to site:

We drove near the site with a 4-wheel drive and then hiked about a ¼ of a mile to the dam.

Please describe access during rains: Same as above.

Please describe access when spillway is flowing: Same as above.

Downstream Slope:

Please describe the slope protection: Not visible due to heavy vegetation.

Comments:

It did not present a safety hazard at the time of inspection.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

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**Photo 1 Crest of dam, dense vegetation.**



**Photo 2 Base of intake tower, woody debris.**



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**Photo 3 Intake tower.**



**Photo 4 Spillway looking upstream, vegetation.**

## **FIELD INSPECTION SHEETS**

Dam ID: OA-0025  
KU TREE RESERVOIR

Vulnerability Index:  
Extreme High Moderate Low  
1 2 3 4

Inspection No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 4/3/06

STATE OF HAWAII - DLNR  
DAM SAFETY INSPECTION SHEET

Inspection Type: Visual Dam Safety Inspection

Persons Present

Affiliation

Phone Number

Persons Present	Affiliation	Phone Number
Trey Cosgrove	US Army Corps of Engineers	
Victor Lee	DOD Army DPW Schofield	
Steve Price	DOD Army DPW Schofield	
Doug Toews	NRCS	
Hiram Young	DLNR	

Weather Condition: ☒ Rain previous day ☐ Rainy ☐ Drizzle / Mist ☐ Cloudy/Overcast ☒ Partly Cloudy ☐ Sunny ☐ Dry

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

1. General: (Information currently on file, update as required)

Dam/Res. Name	KU TREE RESERVOIR	
Owner	U.S. Army, Dept. of Defense (C030)	
Owner Contact	Mr. Alvin Char	Owner Ph. _____
Lessee	_____	Lessee Ph. _____
O & M Contractor	_____	O & M Ph. _____
Nearest Town	WAHIAWA	Latitude 21.5° (decimal)
County	HONOLULU	Longitude 157.9833° (decimal)
Tax Map Key(s)	(1)7-6-001:001	

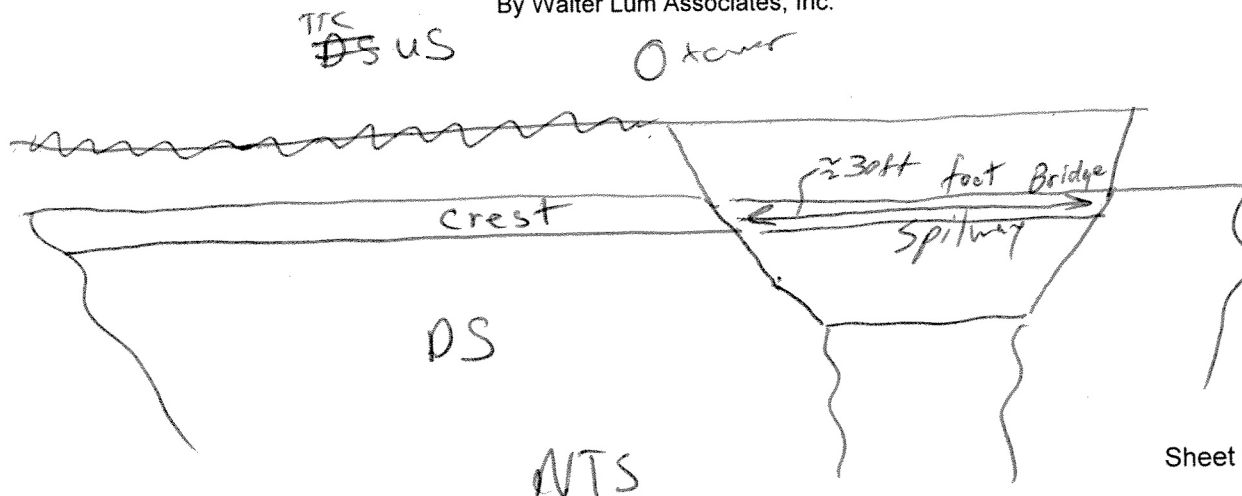
Dam Status	I: _____	Hazard Potential	H: _____	Dam Size	_____
Year Completed	1925	Dam Length	550 ft.	Dam Height	97 ft.
Normal Storage	900 ac.ft.	Max. Storage	0 ac.ft.	Max. Surface Area	0 ac.
Drainage Area	0 mi.	Spillway Type	_____	Max. Spillway Q	5600 cfs

Owner owns land under dam facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Action Plan on file with the Department: NO

Reports on file with the Department:

May 1995d = Hirata, DRAFT Phase I Assessment (Only Original Copy)  
8/1/84 Hydrologic & Hydraulic Analysis for Breaching Ku Tree Reservoir  
8/1/84 Geotechnical Invest. & Design Analysis for Ku Tree Dam Breach  
8/1/86 Ku Tree Dam Feasibility Analysis Ph II, Eng. Div. US Army  
9/2/83 Insp. & Struc. Eval. Of Undoc. Appurt. Conc. Features at Ku Tree Dam,  
By Walter Lum Associates, Inc.



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KU TREE RESERVOIR

Inspection No: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4/3/06

2. Questions for Owner's Rep.:

Yes No Unknown Comments

Construction Plans Available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Site / Facility Map	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Operation & Maintenance Manual	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Emergency Action Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Modifications / Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conduct Routine Inspections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conduct Routine Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Vehicle access to site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not accessible <input type="checkbox"/> With Standard car <input type="checkbox"/> Requires 4-Wheel Drive
Access during heavy rains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not accessible <input type="checkbox"/> With Standard car <input type="checkbox"/> Requires 4-Wheel Drive
Access when spillway is flowing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not accessible <input type="checkbox"/> With Standard car <input type="checkbox"/> Requires 4-Wheel Drive
Other Studies Conducted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Phase I <input type="checkbox"/> Phase II <input type="checkbox"/> Hydraulics <input type="checkbox"/> Stability <input type="checkbox"/> Hazard <input type="checkbox"/> Seismic <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Incident History	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Breached <input type="checkbox"/> Overtop <input type="checkbox"/> Slide <input type="checkbox"/> Down stream Flooding <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Reservoir's Current Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Control <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking Water <input type="checkbox"/> Power Generation <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Findings and Corrective Actions:

- ☒ a. The Owner shall maintain documentations including Construction plans, specifications, improvements, modifications, Operations and Maintenance Manuals and routine inspection logs for this dam facility.
- ☐ b. An Emergency Action Plan (EAP) is on file with the department, submit any updates as applicable.
- ☒ c. An EAP is required for High Hazard Dams. Submit an updated EAP for this facility. 4/23/06
- ☐ d. An EAP is recommended for all dams regardless of hazard class. Submit EAP if developed for the facility.
- ☐ e. Submit narrative and additional information detailing the improvements, modifications, and/or alterations at the dam site, unless covered by approved dam permit.
- ☒ f. Routine inspection logs were not inspected.
- ☒ g. Dam owners shall provide for routine inspection of the dam.
- ☒ h. The dam did not appear to be maintained on a regular basis.
- ☐ i. Access to site appears to be satisfactory.
- ☒ j. There is no vehicular access to the dam site. Operational and emergency plans need to reflect this deficiency or access provided.
- ☒ k. Access to dam is questionable during severe weather conditions and/or spillway overflows. Operational plans and emergency plans need to reflect this deficiency or access provided.
- ☐ l. Provide a detailed narrative of the incident, responses taken, and any damages incurred. Dam owners are required to promptly advise the department of any sudden or unprecedented flood or unusual or alarming circumstance or occurrences which may adversely affect the dam or reservoir.
- ☐ m. Submit current Operations and Maintenance Manual or Procedures for this dam / reservoir facility.
- ☒ n. Submit Site or Facility Map of this Dam which identifies the location of major features including outlet works controls and conduits.
- ☒ o. This dam is no longer in use, dam is not maintained and could be a potential hazard if large amounts of water are impounded.

Additional Requirements:

The following investigative study(s) are:

Required Recommended

- |                          |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Phase I Study  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Phase II Study (Including <input type="checkbox"/> Seepage <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Hydraulics <input type="checkbox"/> EAP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hydrology and Hydraulics (including Probable Maximum Flood and spillway capacity)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Stability Analysis   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seismic Analysis   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hazard Classification  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: _____   |

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Date: 4/3/06

**Physical Dam Features:** (Check All Applicable. Provide description of Items Observed and/or Take Photos. Indicate photo # in description.)

**3. Reservoir:**

Level during inspection N/A ft per N/A (gage / other)

Normal Operating Level/Range N/A ft per N/A (gage / other)

Description: Reservoir is kept low, all gates are open to bypass flow

Typical Operation ☐ Spillway always flowing ☐ Kept within normal range ☒ Kept Empty ☐ Drained Daily ☒ Only filled by Storms  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Sinkhole in Res.: ☐ # Observed: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ in. Deep ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Gage: Description: No staff gage present

**Findings:**

- ☒ a. The reservoir was not inspected.  
☐ b. The reservoir appeared to be in satisfactory condition, no corrective actions are required at this time.  
☐ c. The reservoir appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.  
☐ d. The reservoir appeared to be in unsatisfactory condition, urgent corrective action is required.

**Corrective Actions:**

- ☐ e. The staff gage needs maintenance and/or repair. Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ f. A staff gage was not observed at the reservoir. Provide some method of quantifying the water level within the reservoir.  
☐ g. A sinkhole was observed in the upstream reservoir. Conduct additional investigations and monitoring to identify the cause, risk and appropriate action.  
☐ h. \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Intake Works Description:**

Surface runoff, no intakes noted.

☐ Number of Intakes \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Intake Culvert / Pipe

Size: \_\_\_\_\_ in. ☐ DIP ☐ Corrugated Metal ☐ PVC ☐ HDPE ☐ Concrete ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Control: ☐ Gate ☐ Valve ☐ Flow can either be Shut off or Bypassed

From: ☐ Stream Diversion ☐ Pump ☐ Reservoir ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Ditch / Flume

Dimension: \_\_\_\_\_ (Size x Depth) Shape \_\_\_\_\_

Surface: ☐ Dirt ☐ Wood ☐ Concrete ☐ Lined w/ \_\_\_\_\_

Control: ☐ Gate ☐ Valve ☐ Flow can either be Shut off or Bypassed

From: ☐ Stream Diversion ☐ Pump ☐ Reservoir ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Findings:**

- ☐ a. The intake works were not inspected.  
☐ b. The intake works were not tested.  
☐ c. The intake works appeared to be in satisfactory condition, no corrective actions are required at this time.  
☐ d. The intake works appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.  
☐ e. The intake works appeared to be in unsatisfactory condition, urgent corrective action is required.

**Corrective Actions:**

- ☐ f. The intake works needs maintenance and/or repair. Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ g. \_\_\_\_\_



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5. Upstream Slope:

(Typical Slope  $\pm$  1V: 1H)

Slope Protection: ☒ None ☐ Dumped Rock ☐ Fitted Rip Rap ☐ Grouted Rip Rap ☐ Liner \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Defect in Protection: Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Erosion: ☐ Loose soil w/ little vegetation ☐ Rut (<6") ☐ Gully (>6" deep) ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

Description: Heavy vegetation + trees

Cracks: ☐ Parallel with crest ☐ Perpendicular to crest ☐ Slide visible ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

Description: Heavy vegetation + trees

Sinkholes: ☐ # Observed: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Depth ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

Description: Heavy vegetation + trees

Vegetation: ☐ None ☐ Low Ground Cover ☒ Bushes or Tall Grass ☒ Trees # many ☒ <6" ☒ >6" & <20" ☒ >20"

Description: Upstream Slope is not maintained

Findings:

- ☒ a. The upstream slope was not inspected.  
☐ b. The upstream slope appeared to be in satisfactory condition, no corrective actions are required at this time.  
☐ c. The upstream slope appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.  
☐ d. The upstream slope appeared to be in unsatisfactory condition and not expected to fulfill its intended function. Urgent corrective action is required.

Corrective Actions:

- ☐ e. Slope protection needs maintenance or repair. Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ f. Rut and/or Gully erosion was observed on the slope, which requires maintenance and/or repair.  
Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ g. A crack was observed on the slope, which requires further investigation to determine the underlining cause. Monitor the area and/or repair as required.  
☐ h. A sinkhole was observed on the slope, which requires further investigation to determine the underlining cause. Repair and monitor the area.  
☒ i. The upstream slope was not visible due to high grass and bush vegetation. Clear high vegetation and maintain low to enable easy visual inspection.  
☒ j. Tree(s) were observed on the dam embankment. Trees have been identified as the probably cause of piping failures, and can possibly cause sever damage to the embankment if they are uprooted during a high winds. Corrective action is required to remove the tree hazards from the dam. Acceptable remedies include removal of the tree and its root structure down to a 2" diameter and reconstructing the damaged embankment section. All repair work shall be accomplished as per the requirements of licensed geotechnical or structural engineer. Routinely monitor the damaged area for signs of settlement and seepage.  
☐ k. \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Crest:**

Approximate Crest Width: 15 ft

Access: ☐ None ☒ Walking Path ☐ Roadway, Surface / Width / Usage: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erosion: ☐ Loose soil w/ little vegetation ☐ Rut (<6") ☐ Gully (>6" deep) ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed  
Description: Heavy vegetation and trees  
Cracks: ☐ Parallel with crest ☐ Perpendicular to crest ☐ Slide visible ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed  
Description: Heavy vegetation and trees  
Sinkholes: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ in. Wide x \_\_\_\_\_ in. Long x \_\_\_\_\_ in. Deep ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed  
Description: Heavy vegetation and trees  
Vegetation: ☐ None ☐ Low Ground Cover ☒ Bushes or Tall Grass ☐ Trees # many ☒ <6" ☒ >6" & <20" ☐ >20"  
Description: Crest is not maintained

**Findings:**

- ☐ a. The dam crest was not inspected.  
☐ b. The dam crest appeared to be in satisfactory condition, no corrective actions are required at this time.  
☒ c. The dam crest appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.  
☐ d. The dam crest appeared to be in unsatisfactory condition and not expected to fulfill its intended function.  
Urgent corrective action is required.

**Corrective Actions:**

- ☐ e. Access along the crest was satisfactory.  
☐ f. Access along the crest was not possible. Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ g. Rut and/or Gully erosion was observed on the crest, which requires maintenance and/or repair.  
Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ h. A crack was observed on the crest, which requires further investigation to determine the underlining cause.  
Monitor the area and/or repair as required.  
☐ i. A sinkhole was observed on the crest, which requires further investigation to determine the underlining cause.  
Repair and monitor the area.  
☒ j. Portions of the crest were not visible due to high grass and bush vegetation. Clear high vegetation and maintain low to enable easy visual inspection.  
☒ k. Tree(s) were observed along the dam crest. Trees have been identified as the probably cause of piping failures, and can possibly cause sever damage to the embankment if they are uprooted during a high winds. Corrective action is required to remove the tree hazards from the dam. Acceptable remedies include removal of the tree and its root structure down to a 2" diameter and reconstructing the damaged embankment section. All repair work shall be accomplished as per the requirements of licensed geotechnical or structural engineer. Routinely monitor the damaged area for signs of settlement and seepage.  
☐ l. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Downstream Slope:

(Typical Slope  $\pm$  1V : 1H)

Access: ☐ lower roadway along toe ☐ roadway to outlet works ☐ walkway to outlet works ☒ None Observed

Slope Protection: ☐ None ☐ Dumped Rock ☐ Rip Rap ☐ Grouted Rip Rap ☐ Concrete

Erosion: ☐ Loose soil w/ little vegetation ☐ Rut (<6") ☐ Gully (>6" deep) ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

Description: Heavy vegetation

Cracks: ☐ Parallel with crest ☐ Perpendicular to crest ☐ Slide visible ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

Description: Heavy vegetation

Sinkholes: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ in. Wide x \_\_\_\_\_ in. Long x \_\_\_\_\_ in. Deep ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

Description: Heavy vegetation

Vegetation: ☐ None ☐ Low Ground Cover ☒ Bushes or Tall Grass ☒ Trees # many ☒ <6" ☒ 6" & <20" ☒ >20"

Description: Downstream slope is not maintained.

Seepage: Seep Spot Number 1

☐ Green Vegetation ☐ Wet or Muddy Ground ☐ Ponding Water ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

☐ Flowing, Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Water Clarity: ☐ Clear ☐ Some particles ☐ Muddy ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Seep Spot Number 2

☐ Green Vegetation ☐ Wet or Muddy Ground ☐ Ponding Water ☐ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

☐ Flowing, Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Water Clarity: ☐ Clear ☐ Some particles ☐ Muddy ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Findings:

- ☒ a. The downstream slope was not inspected.
- ☐ b. The downstream slope appeared to be in satisfactory condition, no corrective actions are required at this time.
- ☒ c. The downstream slope appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.
- ☐ d. The downstream slope appeared to be in unsatisfactory condition and not expected to fulfill its intended function. Urgent corrective action is required.

Corrective Actions:

- ☐ e. Slope protection needs maintenance or repair. Description: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ f. Rut and/or Gully erosion was observed on the slope, which requires maintenance and/or repair. Description: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ g. A crack was observed on the slope, which requires further investigation to determine the underlining cause. Monitor the area and/or repair as required.
- ☐ h. A sinkhole was observed on the slope, which requires further investigation to determine the underlining cause. Repair and monitor the area.
- ☒ i. The down stream slope was not visible due to high grass and bush vegetation. Clear high vegetation and maintain low to enable easy visual inspection.
- ☒ g. Tree(s) were observed on the downstream slope. Trees have been identified as the probably cause of piping failures, and can possibly cause sever damage to the embankment if they are uprooted during a high winds. Corrective action is required to remove the tree hazards from the dam. Acceptable remedies include removal of the tree and its root structure down to a 2" diameter and reconstructing the damaged embankment section. All repair work shall be accomplished as per the requirements of licensed geotechnical or structural engineer. Routinely monitor the damaged area for signs of settlement and seepage.
- ☐ h. Seepage/Ponding water was observed. Monitor and conduct further investigation to locate the source of water and extent of any possible hazardous or developing condition.
- ☐ i. Seepage was observed flowing and particles were observed to be removed by the flow. Take immediate action to stop the loss of soil from the embankment. Conduct further investigation to determine the underlining cause and take corrective action. Monitor the area.
- ☒ j. The slope was very steep, around a 1 to 1 slope, further study is required to verify slope stability.
- ☐ k. \_\_\_\_\_

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### 8. Abutments/Toe:

Erosion:

☐ Loose soil w/ little vegetation ☐ Rut (<6") ☐ Gully (>6" deep) ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

Description: Heavy Vegetation + trees

Cracks:

☐ Parallel with crest ☐ Perpendicular to crest ☐ Slide visible ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

Description: Heavy vegetation + trees

Vegetation:

☐ None ☐ Low Ground Cover ☒ Bushes or Tall Grass ☒ Trees # many ☒ <6" ☒ >6" & <20" ☒ >20"

Description: Abutments / Toe not maintained

Seepage:

Seep Spot Number 1

☐ Green Vegetation ☐ Wet or Muddy Ground ☐ Ponding Water ☒ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

☐ Flowing, Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Water Clarity: ☐ Clear ☐ Some particles ☐ Muddy ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Seep Spot Number 2

☐ Green Vegetation ☐ Wet or Muddy Ground ☐ Ponding Water ☐ Not Visible ☐ None Observed

☐ Flowing, Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Water Clarity: ☐ Clear ☐ Some particles ☐ Muddy ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

### Findings:

- ☒ a. The abutments/toe were not inspected.
- ☐ b. The abutments/toe appeared to be in satisfactory condition, no corrective actions are required at this time.
- ☒ c. The abutments/toe appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.
- ☐ d. The abutments/toe appeared to be in unsatisfactory condition and not expected to fulfill its intended function. Urgent corrective action is required.

### Corrective Actions:

- ☐ e. Slope protection needs maintenance or repair. Description: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ f. Rut and/or Gully erosion was observed, which requires maintenance and/or repair.  
Description: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ g. A crack was observed along the abutments/near the toe, which requires further investigation to determine the underlining cause. Monitor the area and/or repair as required.
- ☒ h. The abutment/toe area was not visible due to high grass and bush vegetation. Clear high vegetation and maintain low to enable easy visual inspection.
- ☒ i. Tree(s) were observed along the abutment/toe. Trees have been identified as the probably cause of piping failures, and can possibly cause sever damage to the embankment if they are uprooted during a high winds. Corrective action is required to remove the tree hazards from the dam. Acceptable remedies include removal of the tree and its root structure down to a 2" diameter and reconstructing the damaged embankment section. All repair work shall be accomplished as per the requirements of licensed geotechnical or structural engineer. Routinely monitor the damaged area for signs of settlement and seepage.
- ☐ j. Seepage/Ponding water was observed. Monitor and conduct further investigation to locate the source of water and extent of any possible hazardous or developing condition.
- ☐ k. Seepage was observed flowing and particles were observed to be removed by the flow. Take immediate action to stop the loss of soil from the embankment. Conduct further investigation to determine the underlining cause and take corrective action. Monitor the area.
- ☐ l. \_\_\_\_\_

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### 9. Outlet Works:

Culvert / Pipe

Type / Size:

Culvert:

☐ Concrete

☐ Masonry

☐ unlined earth

☒ Other unknown

Pipe:

☐ DIP

☐ Corrugated Metal

☐ PVC

☐ HDPE

☐ Concrete

☒ Other unknown

Control Type:

☒ Gate

☐ Valve

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Location:

☒ Control on Upstream side

☐ Control on Downstream side

Seepage:

☐ Green Vegetation

☐ Wet or Muddy Ground

☐ Ponding Water

☒ Not Visible

☐ None Observed

☐ Flowing, Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Water Clarity: ☐ Clear

☐ Some particles

☐ Muddy

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

### Findings:

- ☒ a. The outlet works were not inspected.
- ☒ b. The outlet works were not tested.
- ☐ c. The outlet works appeared to be in satisfactory condition, no corrective actions are required at this time.
- ☒ d. The outlet works appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.
- ☐ e. The outlet works appeared to be in unsatisfactory condition and not expected to fulfill its intended function. Urgent corrective action is required.

### Corrective Actions:

- ☐ f. Seepage/Ponding water was observed. Conduct further investigation to locate the source of water and extent of any possible hazardous or developing condition.
- ☐ g. Seepage was observed flowing and particles were observed to be removed by the flow. Take immediate action to stop the loss of soil. Conduct further investigation to determine the underlining cause and take corrective action. Monitor the area. Failures caused by seepage/piping along the outlet conduit are very common and are considered to be a dangerous situation.
- ☒ h. Were not visible due to high grass and bush vegetation. Clear high vegetation and maintain low to enable easy visual inspection.
- ☒ i. Wood debris should be cleared from tower inlets to permit proper operation of outlet structure.
- ☒ j. Currently there is no access to the top of the control tower to operate gates. This could pose a problem in the future if access is needed.
- ☒ k. Access to the downstream side of the dam should be established in order to inspect the toe and outlet works.

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#### 10. Spillway:

Type: ☐ None ☐ Culvert/Pipe ☒ Channel  
Description: Narrowing concrete flume  
Dimension: entrance  $\approx$  100 ft. Invert elevation: unknown ft. per staff gage exit  $\approx$   
Slope Protection: ☐ None ☐ Grass ☐ Dumped Rock ☐ Fitted Rip Rap ☐ Grouted Rip Rap ☒ Concrete  
☒ Defect in Protection: Description: Trees growing in spillway with vegetation  
Approach: ☐ Clear ☐ High Veg. ☒ Trees ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erosion: ☐ Scour ☐ Gully ☐ Headcut ☒ Not Observed ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description: Very steep discharge  
Vegetation: ☐ None ☐ Low Ground Cover ☐ Bushes or Tall Grass ☒ Trees # many ☒ <6" ☒ >6" & <20" ☐ >20"  
Description: Spillway not maintained

#### Findings:

- ☐ a. The Spillway appeared to be in satisfactory condition, no corrective actions are required at this time.  
☒ b. The Spillway appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.  
☐ c. The Spillway appeared to be in unsatisfactory condition and not expected to fulfill its intended function. Urgent corrective action is required.

#### Corrective Actions:

- ☒ d. Slope protection needs maintenance or repair. Description: Remove trees  
☐ e. The spillway approach was blocked. Clear approach.  
☐ f. Severe scour erosion was observed which requires maintenance and/or repair.  
Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ g. A headcut (vertical drop in channel due to erosion) was observed downstream of the spillway. Corrective action is required to prevent this problem from moving upstream.  
☒ h. Trees are unacceptable in the spillway channel and approach. Take corrective action to address the woody vegetation problem and repair the damaged area.  
☒ i. Unclear if spillway is adequately sized. Spillway should pass the probable maximum flood. Verify spillway capacity and take corrective action as required.  
☐ j. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 11. Down Stream Channel:

Name: Tributary to Kaukonshus River  
Downstream: ☐ Sump ☐ Open Area ☐ Un-Defined Drainage-way ☐ Defined Drainage-way ☒ Other Not Inspected  
Items along Stream Bank: ☐ None ☐ Road ☐ Houses ☐ Town ☒ Not Inspected  
Description: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Findings:

- ☒ a. The downstream channel was not inspected.  
☐ b. The downstream channel appeared to be in satisfactory condition, no corrective actions are required at this time.  
☐ c. The downstream channel appeared to be in fair to poor condition and requires corrective action.  
☐ d. The downstream channel appeared to be in unsatisfactory condition and not expected to fulfill its intended function. Urgent corrective action is required.

#### Corrective Actions:

- ☐ e. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional Comments:**

On the date of this limited visual inspection, there appeared to be no immediate threat to the safety of the dam. No assurance can be made regarding the dam's condition after this date. Subsequent adverse weather and other factors may affect the dam's condition.

This reservoir has been abandoned since 1983. The pool is very low and is allowed to pass. Abandonment has been investigated in order to breach the dam. Currently costs are prohibitive to permanently breach the dam and abandon the reservoir. In its current state the dam could <sup>pose</sup> ~~posses~~ a potential risk if a large storm were encountered. ~~The dam should~~ ITC Foot access only to dam.

**Limitations and Intent of this Dam Safety Inspection:**

This Dam Safety Inspection was conducted to assess the general overall condition of the reservoir/dam, identify visible deficiencies, and recommend areas of for monitoring, additional investigative studies and corrective actions. The inspection is based only on visible features/areas of the dam on the day of inspection. This inspection is not a formal phase I or phase II dam safety inspection and does not include a review or evaluation from each specialist of an inspection team, such as a geologists, civil, geotechnical, structural, or hydraulics engineer. The owner should verify the findings of this report and take corrective actions. The owner may submit to the State alternative corrective actions that are certified by a licensed professional engineer in the State of Hawaii experienced in the design and construction of dams. This inspection does not relieve the owner/operator from their responsibility to conduct routine inspections, maintenance, repairs, modifications, monitoring, documentation, and/or investigative studies. The inspection was conducted under the authority of the Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 179D, and Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 13, Chapter 190, titled "Dams and Reservoirs". Questions regarding this inspection should be forwarded to the Hawaii State Dam Safety Program; PO Box 373; Honolulu, Hawaii 96809; Ph. (808) 587-0236.

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